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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 55
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A RESOLUTION to congratulate and honor David "Smokey"
Gaines on the retirement of his jersey by
LeMoyne-Owen College.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is proud to specially recognize citizens
who have excelled in their chosen professions; and

WHEREAS, David "Smokey" Gaines is unquestionably one such distinguished person,
whose numerous contributions to the LeMoyne-Owen College basketball program and the
basketball profession resulted in his jersey being retired by the school; and

WHEREAS, "Smokey" played basketball for LeMoyne-Owen from 1960-1964, and holds
the school record for the highest overall shooting percentage, 66%; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gaines also ranks as the seventh highest overall scorer in Magician
basketball history; and

WHEREAS, in 1962, he scored a career high 48 points against Tennessee State
University; and

WHEREAS, after completing his eligibility, "Smokey" played professionally with the
American Basketball Association's Kentucky Colonels. He later played for the Harlem
Globetrotters; and

WHEREAS, during the 1967-1968 basketball season, he served admirably as LeMoyne-
Owen's assistant coach, while earning his degree; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Gaines began his notable career as an assistant coach at the University of Detroit, and as a result of his exemplary record in that important position, he later became the school's head coach, earning a master's degree from Eastern Michigan University in the process; and

WHEREAS, after an outstanding coaching career, he retired as Head basketball coach at San Diego State University; and

WHEREAS, "Smokey" also owned and managed his own successful business in San Diego, which he recently sold to become an at-large professional scout for the National Basketball Association, his present position; and

WHEREAS, David "Smokey" Gaines' academic and athletic pursuits make him especially deserving of this body's commendation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Coach David "Smokey" Gaines and wish him well in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to Mr. Gaines and to LeMoyne-Owen College, with this final clause omitted from such copies.